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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

‘**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1304, sub-§1, ¶H,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 286, §1, is further amended to read:

H. A person under 21 years of age may not apply for a license unless:

(1) A period of 6 months has passed from the date the person was issued an instruction permit; and

(2) The person has completed a minimum of 35 hours of driving, including 5 hours of night driving, while accompanied by a parent, guardian or licensed driver at least 20 years of age. The parent, stepparent or guardian, or a spouse or employer pursuant to section 1302, subsection 1, paragraphs B and C, must certify the person's driving time on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State. A parent, stepparent, guardian, spouse or employer who certifies a driving log pursuant to this subsection and was not the licensed driver accompanying the applicant must provide the name and address of the licensed driver who accompanied the applicant for the majority of the 35 hours of driving. The Secretary of State may complete the certification for an applicant at least 18 years of age and who has no parent, stepparent, guardian, spouse or employer if the applicant provides the name and address of the licensed driver who accompanied the applicant for the majority of the 35 hours of driving.

A person 21 years of age or older is not required to submit certification of driving time to the Secretary of State.’

SUMMARY

Current law requires a person under 21 years of age applying for a driver’s license to complete 35 hours of driving accompanied by a parent, guardian or licensed driver. The applicant’s parent, stepparent, guardian, spouse or employer must certify the applicant’s driving time, but is not required to be the person who accompanied the applicant.

This amendment requires the person certifying the driving log of the applicant to provide the name and address of the person who accompanied the applicant for a majority of the required 35 hours. This amendment also allows the Secretary of State to complete the certification of a person between 18 and 21 years of age who does not have a parent, stepparent, guardian, spouse or employer if the applicant provides the name and address of the person accompanying the applicant for the majority of the required 35 hours.